

Born: Louisville, Kentucky June 1930  
Schools: BS, University of Kentucky,  
1953; Pilot Training, 1953; Basic Pilot Training,  
1954; Advanced Pilot Training, 1954;  
Tactical Air Command Sea Survival Course,  
1968; Air Command and Staff College, 1972.



## COLONEL WILLIAM J. SEMONIN

Assistant Adjutant General for Air

Kentucky Air National Guard

Colonel Semonin began his military career as a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Upon graduation he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve in January 1953. He entered primary pilot training at Bartow Air Force Base in March 1953, proceeding through basic and later advanced pilot training at Nellis AFB, Nevada. Colonel Semonin's first major assignment was at Komaki Air Base in Japan in 1954 as a reconnaissance pilot with the 15th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

After Colonel Semonin returned to the States in August 1957, he served as Operations Officer, 1902d Airways and Air Communications Service at Hamilton AFB, California. Having joined the Kentucky Air National Guard in December 1957, Colonel Semonin was assigned as Operations Staff Officer with Headquarters, 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing where he served until December 1965 with the rank of major.

In January 1966, Colonel Semonin was given the assignment of Operations Officer, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. In April 1966, he assumed the position of Commander of the 165th. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in December 1967. In January 1968, the 165th was activated to serve with the Tactical Air Command. The unit was deactivated in June 1969.

Colonel Semonin was then appointed Director of Operations with Headquarters Staff in July 1969 until October 1970. On 1 September 1971, he assumed the rank of colonel and became Chief of Staff, Headquarters, until his appointment as Wing Commander, 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on 17 July 1972. He was assigned as Assistant Adjutant General for Air on 17 January 1974.

**Decorations and Awards:** Distinguished Flying Cross; Combat Readiness Medal; National Defense Service Medal with Star; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Korean Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Outstanding Unit Citation; Commendation Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award with Oak Leaf Cluster; Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon.

**Civic Affiliations:** Board of Directors, Louisville Insulating and Supply Company; Hunting Creek Country Club; Insulators Association of America; Executive Council, Kentucky National Guard Association; National Guard Association of the United States.

**Civilian Occupation:** Vice President, Lisco Fabrication Incorporated, Louisville, Kentucky.